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The Honorable Stephanie Herseth Sandlin
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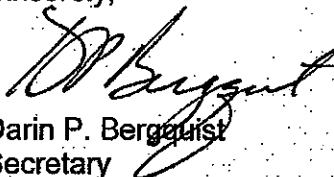
Dear Representative Herseth Sandlin:

I fully support the proposed projects in the I 29 and I 229 corridor, including structures and improvements along Interstate 29 from near Tea to 12th Street and I 229 from I 29 to near Louise Avenue. While proposed projects are included in the STIP, specific project details have been reviewed by the public but have not been fully incorporated into the STIP at this time pending final completion later this year of the ongoing corridor studies. Once the final details of the improvements are fully developed, the projects will be fully vetted with the public through our normal STIP process.

Significant economic development and growth is occurring in and around the area which is causing increasing demand for improvements. This project will improve the safety, economic productivity, current and future congestion, and traffic flow in the corridor and adjacent highway segments for the benefit of Sioux Falls and the surrounding area.

I respectfully request your support of this project as it is economically and environmentally beneficial for the Sioux Falls community and the surrounding areas, as well as provide benefits the overall transportation system. This Congressional High Priority project is of national significance because it involves critical improvements along a corridor adjacent to an Interstate system to system interchange at I 29 and I 229.

Sincerely,



Darin P. Bergquist
Secretary

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